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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Komeyama et al.

Serial No.: 10/660,754

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: September 12, 2003 **Examiner:** Gregory John Binda

For: CROSS JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-4, 11-14, 40-47, and 50-55 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification, the drawings, and claims 1-3, 13-14, 39, 43-45, 47, and 50 are amended to more clearly define the invention, claims 38-39 and 48-49 are canceled, and claims 51-55 are added. Claims 1 and 50 are independent.